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President: Mr. Kutesa ..... (Uganda)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Gunnarsson (Iceland), Vice-President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 3.35 p.m.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 130, 149, 150 to 154, 156 to 160, 161 (a) and (b), 162 to 167, 148, 132 and 131.

Before proceeding, I would like to emphasize to delegations that, since the Fifth Committee has just finished its work, the Committees's reports are available only in English. It is my understanding that they will be issued in the other languages as soon as possible, and I thank delegations for their understanding.

If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records.

May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I also remind delegations that, also in accordance with decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee, unless notified otherwise in advance.

Agenda item 130 (*continued*)

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/688/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.43.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

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The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/249 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

Agenda item 149

Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/955)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.46.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/294).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 149.

Agenda item 150

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/950)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.39.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/295).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 150.

Agenda item 151 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/684/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.47.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/257 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 151.

Agenda item 152 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/685/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.48.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/258 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 152.

Agenda item 153

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/956)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee

in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.49.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/296).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 153.

Agenda item 154

Financing of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/957)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.50.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/297).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 154.

Agenda item 156

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/951)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.40.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/298).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 156.

Agenda item 157

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/958)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.51.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/299).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 157.

Agenda item 158

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/959)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.52.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/300).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 158.

Agenda item 159 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/682/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.53.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/259 B).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda 159.

Agenda item 160 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/934/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.54.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/289 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 160.

Agenda item 161

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/960)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.55.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/301).

The Acting President: I now give the floor to the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, who wishes to speak in explanation of position following the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Ayzouki (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): My delegation joined the consensus on the adoption of resolution 69/301, on the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East — specifically the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force — and will vote in favour of the draft resolution (A/C.5/69/L.44) on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, based on a principle that we have consistently reaffirmed, namely, that the responsibility for financing both of those forces must be shouldered by Israel, the transgressing party and occupying Power, which was the reason for the establishment of both forces. That is in conformity with the guiding principles set out in resolution 1874 (S-IV), adopted on 27 June 1963.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 161.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/954)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.44, as orally amended in the Fifth Committee.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon". A separate recorded vote has been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph and on operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 14, which was operative paragraph 13 prior to the oral amendment in the Fifth Committee. I shall put them to the vote now.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 14 were retained by 89 votes to 3, with 47 abstentions.

The Acting President: I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole, as orally amended. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Zimbabwe

Against:

Canada, Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

None

The draft resolution as a whole, as orally amended, was adopted by 137 votes to 3 (resolution 69/302)

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 161.

Agenda item 162 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/686/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.56.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/260 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 162.

Agenda item 163

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/952)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.41.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/303).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 163.

Agenda item 164

Financing of the United Nations Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/953)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.42.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/304).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 164.

Agenda item 165

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/961)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.57.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/305).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 165.

Agenda item 166 (*continued*)

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/687/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.58.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/261 B).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 166.

Agenda item 167

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 1863 (2009)

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/962)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.59.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/306).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 167.

Agenda item 148

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/963)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report, the texts of which, for the time being, are contained in documents A/C.5/69/L.60, A/C.5/69/L.61 and A/C.5/69/L.62. We will now take decisions on draft resolutions I to III.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Cross-cutting issues". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 69/307).

The Acting President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Support account for peacekeeping operations". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 69/308).

The Acting President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 69/309).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 148.

Agenda item 132 (*continued*)

Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/422/Add.3)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.63.

The Assembly will take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 69/274 B).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Agenda 131 (*continued*)

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/69/702/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report, the text of which, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/69/L.64.

The Assembly will now take action on the draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to the same?

The draft decision was adopted (decision 69/553 C).

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

I shall now call on those representatives who have requested to speak in exercise of the right of reply. I

remind members that statements in the exercise of the right of reply are limited to 10 minutes for the first intervention and to 5 minutes for the second intervention and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Mr. Goren (Israel): With regard to the agenda sub-item on the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, in an ever-changing, dynamic world, I am glad that there are a few things one can really depend upon. One of those few things is the outrageous Syrian statement made under that sub-item.

Going through this exercise, from the informal to the formal, brings to mind the words of President Franklin Roosevelt, who said "Repetition does not transform a lie into truth". That is the message that I would send through you, Sir, to the representative of Syria.

Mr. Ayzouki (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): It is true that the truth is not changed through false arguments. The truth cannot be changed, period.

The Golan Heights is Syrian territory occupied by Israel. Eventually — one day or another — by getting rid of the settlers, the Golan will return to Syria.

The Acting President: On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to thank His Excellency Mr. František Ružička, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations and Chair of the Fifth Committee, the members of the Bureau and the Secretary of the Committee, as well as representatives, for a job well done.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it for this meeting.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.